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ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1. Opening of the third additional session

The third additional session will be opened by Mr. A. Schepisi (Italy), in his capacity as Vice-Chairman of the eleventh session.

Item 2. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 19.1 of the rules of procedure (UNIDO/4), none of the officers may hold office after the expiration of the term of office of the Member of which he is a representative. Thus, in compliance with rules 19.1 and 19.2, elections are required for the unexpired term of office of the following officers: Chairman (from the States included in List C of Annex I to the Constitution), Vice-Chairmen (one each from the African States included in List A and the States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution).

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda for the third additional session

A provisional agenda for the third additional session, prepared by the Director-General in consultation with the Bureau of the eleventh session, is submitted to the Committee for adoption in document PBC/AS.3/1.

Item 4. Review of the implementation of the programme and budgets, 1996-1997

The General Conference in its decision GC.6/Dec.11, paragraph (g), authorized the Board at its fifteenth session to examine in depth the revised programme and budgets 1996-1997 and recommend such appropriate changes as may be required in the light of a report of the Director-General on the experience of the Organization in implementing the programme and budgets in the first quarter of 1996. In paragraph (i) of the same decision the Conference requested the Director-General to issue a report on the composition of the Secretariat including relevant information on desirable ranges of representation. In addition, the Programme and Budget Committee was requested in paragraph (j) of decision GC.6/Dec.11 to discuss the reports of the Director-General and make appropriate recommendations to assist the Board in its tasks relating to the above.

The Committee will have before it:

- Implementation of the programme and budgets, 1 January to 31 March 1996. Report by the Director-General (IDB.15/5-PBC/AS.3/5)

- Composition of the Secretariat, including information on informal desirable ranges of representation (IDB.15/4-PBC/AS.3/4, chap. II)

Item 5. Update of the financial situation of UNIDO

In decision GC.6/Dec.15 adopted by the General Conference at its sixth session, the Conference: (a) recalled Board decision IDB.14/Dec.27; (b) took note of the reports of the Director-General on the financial situation (GC.6/32) and on information on developments concerning the unified conference service (GC.6/10); (c) urged those Member States that had not yet paid their assessed contributions to do so without delay; (d) decided to approve in relation with the programme and budgets for 1996-1997, and in view of the extraordinary prevailing circumstances and without constituting a precedent, the suspension of financial regulations 4.2(b) and (c), with respect to the unutilized balance of appropriations for the biennium 1992-1993, which had been paid in, as a credit for the sole purpose

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of partially funding the separation indemnity reserve; and (e) to report on the above on a regular basis to the policy-making organs.

The Committee will have before it:

- Update of the financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.15/3-PBC/AS.3/3)

Item 6. Ceiling of assessments

In its decision GC.6/Dec.11, paragraph (h), the General Conference requested the Board at its fifteenth session to review the relevance of the 25 per cent ceiling of assessments as contained in Article 15.2 of the UNIDO Constitution in the light of discussion at the Conference. The Conference further requested the Programme and Budget Committee to make appropriate recommendations to assist the Board in that task (GC.6/Dec.11, para. (j)).

The Committee will have before it:

- Background information on the ceiling of assessments. Prepared by the Secretariat (IDB.15/2-PBC/AS.3/2)

Item 7. Adoption of the report of the third additional session

Item 8. Closure of the third additional session